

Amendment No. 1 to SJR0077

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AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 77*

By adding the following preamble immediately after the caption:

WHEREAS, it is the expectation of the General Assembly that the lieutenant governor will serve as a member of various entities of state government pursuant to the request of the governor or pursuant to general law enacted by the general assembly, and that such entities of state government may include, among others, the board of regents, the state building commission, the state board of education, the solid waste disposal control board, the water quality control board, the air pollution control board, and the Tennessee wildlife resources commission; now, therefore,

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the first resolving clause and substituting instead the following:

That Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as Section 19:

Section 19.

A lieutenant governor shall be popularly elected by the qualified voters of the state at the same time and for the same term as the governor. The lieutenant governor's qualifications shall, in all respects, be the same as the governor. A person may be eligible to succeed in office as lieutenant governor for additional four-year terms, provided that no person shall be eligible for election to more than two terms consecutively, including an election to a partial term. The

lieutenant governor shall, at stated times, receive compensation for services, which shall not be increased or diminished during the period for which he or she shall have been elected. The lieutenant governor shall temporarily act as the governor while the governor is out of the state or incapacitated for more than seven (7) consecutive days. The lieutenant governor shall perform other duties as the general assembly shall prescribe by law.

And that Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting Section 12 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 12.

In case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the governor, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve on the lieutenant governor; and in case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the lieutenant governor, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve on the speaker of the senate; and in case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the speaker of the senate, the power and duties of the office of governor shall devolve on the speaker of the house of representatives.

And that Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting Section 17 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 17.

A secretary of state shall be popularly elected by the qualified voters of the state and shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and until a successor is elected and qualified. The secretary of state shall be at least thirty (30) years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have been a citizen of this state for a period of at least five (5) years immediately preceding the election. A person may be eligible to succeed in office as secretary of state for additional four (4) year terms, provided that no person shall be eligible for election to more than two (2) terms consecutively, including an election to a partial term. The secretary of state shall keep a fair register of all the official acts and proceedings

of the governor and shall, when required, lay the same, and all papers, minutes and vouchers relative thereto, before the general assembly. The secretary of state shall perform such other duties as the general assembly shall prescribe by law.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the third resolving clause and substituting the following:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon ratification of the amendments proposed herein at the 2014 November general election, popular elections for lieutenant governor shall be held at the 2018 November general election and every four years thereafter; provided, however, until the 2018 November general election, the speaker of the senate shall continue to be lieutenant governor.